

REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 7-16, 21-26 and 31 are pending in the present application. It is noted that the second Preliminary Amendment filed on November 20, 2006 incorrectly used the original filed patent claims which did not take into account the changes made in the first Preliminary Amendment filed on March 28, 2006. In addition, the first Preliminary Amendment included two claims numbered "25". In order to correct these errors in the present record, a correct set of properly amended and numbered claims are provided above. The pending claims correspond with those identified by the Patent Examiner in the last Office Action dated September 11, 2009.

Unity of Invention Requirement

The claims have been subjected to a Unity of Invention Requirement as follows:

Group I -- claims 3-5 and 7-11, directed to an adhesive resin composition for titanium or titanium alloy comprising a thermosetting resin and an imidazole compound;

Group II -- claims 12-16, directed to a prepreg comprising the adhesive composition for titanium or titanium alloy comprising a thermosetting resin and an imidazole compound and reinforcing fibers;

Group III -- claims 21-26 directed to a composite material wherein titanium or titanium alloy and an adhere are adhered to each other through an adhesive resin layer formed by curing the adhesive resin composition; and

Group IV -- claim 31 directed to a method of making a composite material comprising and adhesive resin including a thermosetting resin to the surface of titanium or a titanium alloy.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group II, Claims 12-16.

This Requirement is respectfully traversed. It is noted that all of the present claims require the presence of a thermosetting resin and an imidazole compound, a special technical feature, such that the search and examination of all pending claims includes a significant overlap so as not to place an undue burden on the Examiner. Thus, it is requested that the Requirement


be withdrawn. It is further requested that re-joinder of method claim 31 be considered at an appropriate time.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle, Registration No 32,868, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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